IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE V.GIRI

FRIDAY, THE 19TH OCTOBER 2007 / 27TH ASWINA 1929

WP(C).No. 31179 of 2007(J)

PETITIONER:

HARIKUMAR S.,
'SANTHI', PULAPPUKKAVU DEVASWOM,
RESIDING AT SABARI NIVAS, PADINJARE POOTHOTTAM,
MATHIL BHAGOM, THIRUVALLA.

BY ADV. SRI.S.KRISHNAMOORTHY

RESPONDENTS:

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1. TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD, REP. BY
ITS SECRETARY, NANDHANCODE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695 003.

2. DEVASWOM COMMISSIONER,
TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD, NANDHANCODE,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM-695 003.

3. ASSISTANT DEVASWOM COMMISSIONER,
THIRUVALLA GROUP, TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD,
THIRUVALLA-25.

4. A.S.KESAVAN NAMBOOTHIRI,
ARAYAKEEZHILLOM, MATHIL BHAGOM P.O.,
THIRUVALLA-25.

5. SUMATHIKUTTY,
BOARD MEMBER, TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD,
NANDHANCODE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM-695 003.

BY SRI. D. SREEKUMAR, SC FOR TDB

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 19.10.2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

V.GIRI, J.

W.P.(C). NO. 31179 OF 2007

Dated this the 19th day of October, 2007

J U D G M E N T

Petitioner is a Santhi in the Travancore Devaswom Board. According to him, he has been working as such for the last more than 10 years. Petitioner contends that transfer of Santhi in the Travancore Devaswom Board can be effected only as per the norms governing the transfer prevailing in that Board. According to him, Ext.P3 order of transfer has been passed in an arbitrary manner by paying heed to the directions of a Member of the Travancore Board, who has been impleaded as 5th respondent in her personal capacity.

2. Challenging Ext.P3 order of transfer, petitioner has preferred an appeal namely Ext.P5 before the Devaswom Commissioner.

3. After having heard learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing counsel for the Devaswom, I direct the 2nd respondent to look into Ext.P5 and take a decision thereon in accordance with law, keeping in mind the norms regulating transfers of employees of the Travancore Devaswom Board, as is currently in force, after hearing the petitioner as also the 4th respondent, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment. It is made clear that the 2nd respondent shall take an independent decision in accordance with law keeping in mind the norms which are currently prevailing.

The writ petition is disposed of as above.

V.GIRI, JUDGE

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